

State of California – The Natural Resource Agency  
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION

**NOTICE OF EXEMPTION**

**TO:** Office of Planning and Research  
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**FROM:** Department of Parks and Recreation  
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Eureka, CA 95520-2006

**PROJECT TITLE:** Backdune Exotic Plant Removal

**LOCATION:** Humboldt Lagoons State Park

**COUNTY:** Humboldt

**DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT:** Remove all exotic plants on 152 acres within the backdune areas of Humboldt Lagoons State Park to restore native backdune habitat. Work will manually dig and/or pull out exotic plants to a depth of approximately two feet. Torching will be used to remove exotic plants; plants that are torched will be left in the ground. Exotic species to be removed include rattlesnake grass (*Briza maxima*), hairgrass (*Aira sp.*), brome fescue (*Vulpia bromoides*), and creeping bentgrass (*Agrostis stolonifera*). Invasive exotic plants in the backdunes will be mapped, entered into the Departments Weed Information Management System.

Air quality and burn permits will be obtained prior to the use of the torches. Due to the potential presence of unexploded ordnance on Big Lagoon spit from when it was used as a firing range during WWII, no torching or flaming will occur on the Big Lagoon spit unless specifically cleared by US Army Corps staff. All work will be conducted between September 16 and March 14, outside the snowy plover breeding season.

**PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING THE PROJECT:** California Department of Parks and Recreation

**NAME OF DIVISION OR DISTRICT CARRYING OUT THE PROJECT:** North Coast Redwoods District

**EXEMPT STATUS:**

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Class: 4

Section: 15304

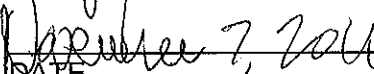
**REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT:** Project consists of minor public alterations in the condition of land and vegetation which does not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees except for forestry and agricultural purposes.

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